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Posted by dave955 - 11 Dec 2022 16:34

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Re: Surrounded by unsafe devices

Posted by Eerie - 11 Dec 2022 16:58

I wish I had something to tell you. Was in similar situation for a while and fell. Just letting you know that I feel for you and care for you. And davening for you. Keep us posted, want to hear if you find something

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Re: Surrounded by unsafe devices

Posted by cordnoy - 11 Dec 2022 17:12

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Yes, work a program.

Godspeed

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Posted by DavidT - 11 Dec 2022 17:47

You mentioned that you have a "co pilot". Do you also use him as an accountability partner? To be able to reach out to him when you find yourself in a weak tempting moment which many people find this to be a strong help and deterrent from falling?

I also wanted to point out the any degrading words that you were told should be ignored and considered non-sense. You're living with such enormous nisyonos and you're fighting the good fight, reaching out for help and ideas to be able to stay strong! **Gibor!**

We know that if someone sees that he has a challenge in fulfilling a certain mitzvah then he knows it's one of the missions he was brought into the world for and the fact he has this challenge shows he can overcome it. It seems like this generation has been given a challenge like no other but the fact we have the challenge means we have the power to overcome it.

Stay strong!

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Re: Surrounded by unsafe devices
Posted by dave955 - 12 Dec 2022 16:50

Thanks so much for the much needed chizuk.

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I have decided to confront these people in my life about my problem. Me and my accountability partner are now working on a way to tell them. I am feeling extremely anxious and nervous about this. I have no idea how they will react to learn that I am still struggling, but its what I must do so they can understand that I need to live in a safe environment and get to freedom

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Amazing courage! With this attitude and approach you will definitely find your true path the sobriety and cleanliness BE"H!

Keep it up!

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Re: Surrounded by unsafe devices
Posted by ILAHC FM - 13 Dec 2022 09:53

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Re: Surrounded by unsafe devices
Posted by spaced - 13 Dec 2022 11:54

unorthodox suggestion -- use your knowledge of the passwords to install a basic filter that will report to the device owner if you try to access questionable site. this way you can use your fear of getting found out to your advantage.

i am also struggling with filters and my ability to bypass them when lust overtakes me so i feel you man. what im trying now is to leave my smartphone filtered by Google Family Link at my work locker while its admin or parent password is in a safer at home. still not foolproof but im

hopeful it can lessen my own falling to the nisayon

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this. i have only gradually built up my own filters because after falling i felt guilty and closed down loopholes. so the falls could be helpful after all haha. still an ongoing process for me -- why cant all these loopholes disappear overnight or maybe my ability to find them:cool:

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